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| 1. This communication is responsive to the applicant's communication is responsive to | unication filed on Aug. 10, 2 | <u>. </u> |
| 2. The allowed claim(s) is/are <u>1-29</u> . | | |
| 3. \boxtimes The drawings filed on <u>18 January 2002</u> are accepted by the | e Examiner. | |
| 4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority una a) All b) Some* c) None of the: 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). * Certified copies not received: | been received. been received in Application | on No |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-29 are allowed.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record fails to teach the following limitation: 'a request command requesting transmission of product information management data related to a specified product comprised of a plurality of sub-components; wherein said communication link is effective for obtaining from said product information management apparatus, in response to said request command, the information management data related to said specified product and its sub-components; and a transmitter for transmitting the product information management data related to at least one of said sub-components to said remote terminal' as recited in independent claim 1 and similarly recited in independent claim 4.

As per claim 19, the prior art of record fails to teach 'a request command requesting transmission of product information management data related to a specified product, wherein said product information management data includes at least one of design progress information, or design drawings, or completion status of accepted submissions of design modifications, or specification of work department in charge of sub-components within said product, or a listing of individual persons in charge of sub-components within said product' and similarly recited in independent claims 23 and 27.

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As per claim 28, the prior art of record fails to teach 'a transmitter for communication with said remote terminal, wherein depending on the identification of a user of said remote terminal, the remote terminal is optionally provided with viewable only information management data, or viewable and editable data to permit the remote terminal to freely to submit design changes to the information management data of the specified product and its sub-components, or viewable and partially editable data to permit the remote terminal to submit design changes only to information management data previously submitted by the identified user.'

The remaining claims 2, 3, 5-18, 20-22, 24-26, and 29 comprise dependent claims, thus these claims are patently distinct over the art of record for at least the above reasons.

The examiner agrees with the applicants' remarks, filed on August 10, 2004, page 10 lines 4-30; and page 11 lines 1-5.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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NAME OF CONTACT

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cheryl Lewis whose telephone number is (571) 272-4113. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30-3:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Breene can be reached on (571) 272-4107. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306 or (703) 305-9731.

(571) 273-4113 (Use this FAX #, only after approval by Examiner, for "INFORMAL" or "DRAFT" communication. Examiners may request that a formal paper/amendment be faxed directly to them on occasions.).

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist/ Technology Center (571) 272-2100.

Patent Examiner

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